

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAILWAY NETWORK FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have set a target to link all the States of the North Eastern Region (NER) with broad gauge railway lines by the year 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of States for which approval has been accorded to provide such linkages and the number of States in which works have been started so far; and
- (d) the amount of funds likely to be incurred for the development of proposed rail network in the NER?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): All State capitals of the North East Region are proposed to be connected by Railway Lines wherever feasible.
- (c): Two State capitals are already connected by rail lines i.e. Guwahati and Agartala. Further works have been taken up for connecting State capitals of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.
- (d): As per the present estimate, cost of providing linkages to four State capitals where works are already sanctioned is above Rs. 4200 crore. For State capitals of Sikkim and Meghalaya, survey has been taken up.